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Sir Edward Mellanby,
Medical Research Council,
38 Old Queen Street,
Westminster,
London, SW 1, England

Dear Sir Edward,

I have been giving very serious thought to your proposal that I organize and direct an Institute of Immunology at Carshalton, and have talked the matter over very thoroughly with many friends, relatives and advisers, including Doctors Palmer and Loeb, and the Dean of our Medical School.

They, as well as I, appreciate the great honor you have done me in making this offer. I value it far more than I can say, for to be asked to come and work with my English colleagues is, for me, ^{an} infinitely touching and heart-warming sign of approbation and affection. All, however, agree with me that owing to the relatively few years remaining before I reach the retirement age, the interruption of productive work, even under the very favorable conditions you have outlined, would be a serious one, and that it would be better to continue quietly, with a small group, as in the past.

I fear, therefore, that we shall have to proceed on the basis on which I came to London to familiarize myself with the problem, namely, that you may count on me at all times for such suggestions and advice as I may be able to give, and for all the time and thought necessary for the fullest assistance to you in this important step to advance the knowledge of immunology.

Gratefully yours,

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Michael Heidelberger

P.S. I am enclosing my check for \$10., which, as nearly as I can calculate it, represents the unexpended portion of the £ 5 advanced by Dr. Harington.

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